

Appl. No. 09/546,857
Amdt. dated May 28, 2003
Reply to Office Action of April 28, 2003

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment and reconsideration of the claims. Claims 1 to 19 have been canceled. Claims 20 to 54 are newly presented. After entry of the present Amendment, claims 20 to 54 will be pending.

Applicants submit the newly presented claims are supported throughout the specification, including at lines 13 to 26 on page 10, Table 3 on page 43, and Example 6 beginning on page 46, and present no issues of new matter.

Election of Species

Applicants elect for prosecution the species in claim 5 comprising the three amino acid mutations now recited in new claims 20 and 28. Claims 20-46 read on the elected species.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, Applicants' assert the claims are in condition for allowance. Early notice of allowable claims is requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for clarification of any of these Remarks or Amendments, or to otherwise speed prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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